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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

The amendments made to the specification are not connected in any way to any rejection in this application. Please replace the following numbered paragraphs with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[39] Preferably, the upper clamp plate 34 and the lower clamp plate 36 include matching apertures 54 for receipt of fasteners 56 such as bolts. The upper clamp plate 34 and the lower clamp plate 36 sandwich the leaf spring 22 within the interior cavity 50, 51. Once bolted together, the upper clamp plate 34 and the lower clamp plate 36 are interlocked onto the leaf spring 22 at the longitudinal position defined by the interior cavity 50, 51. That is, a leaf spring receipt cavity 52 (Figure 5) defined by a combination of interior cavities 50, 51 is unique to the leaf spring segment at the desired the axle beam attachment system 30 position to provide an interlocking interface therebetween.